SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 25 to read as follows:

A modified deep fat fryer assembly 10a including an alternate embodiment of the support assembly 14a is illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5, wherein the flame burner 76a has an arcuate upper surface and is at a fixed position relative to the support frame 64a. The arcuate upper surface of flame burner 76a provided with transverse slots longitudinally spaced along the flame burner 76a serves to disperse the heat to avoid scorching on the central raised portion 40 or the sloping wall surfaces due to an excessive concentration of heat in any area. As with flame burner 76, the top of the flame burner 76a is preferably positioned below a plane defined by the bottom edge of the end walls and side walls. The support frame 64a is provided with crossbolt 100 which extends through baffle 106 and the carrier 86a includes an upright sleeve 102 which receives a bolt 104 therein for coupling the flame burner 76a to the support frame 64a. Moreover, the carrier 86a includes a downwardly extending baffle 106 which not only includes a notch 108 for receipt of the crossbolt 98 but also helps to inhibit strong gusts of wind from impairing the performance of the flame burner 76a. In other respects, the cooking vessel 12 and other aspects of the support assembly 14a as shown in Figs. 4 and 5 are substantially as shown and described with regard to the embodiment shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3.

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Please cancel claims 1, 17 and 18.